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Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I have read your book "Whitewash II" and several other criticisms of the Warren Report, as well as the report itself.

For years I was a believer in the report and considered those who weren't either radical or downright paranoid. The government did an excellent job both of selling its report and of downgrading its critics.

I now consider it a huge cover up which attempted to fit round pegs of "evidence" into square holes of fact.

My purpose in writing this letter is to ask you what I, as an American citizen, can do to see that the facts are brought to light in the murders of both John and Robert Kennedy and the real murderers brought to trial.

If it can be done at all, I believe a Senate investigating committee similar to Watergate might be the answer. It could be set up without the President's permission and its members would not be appointed but voted on by the full Senate.

The American public can now accept the fact that its government can and does lie in public statement on very grave matters. It can accept a government intelligence structure operating in the U.S., capable of "dirty tricks," burglaries, destruction of evidence and assassination plots. These things have been proved and they are probably just the very small tip of a very large iceberg.

More books like yours need to be written, if the press will not or can not tell the story. There are only three books in the Tucson Public Library on the assassinations, besides the report itself.

People who are curious to know the truth are labeled "assassination buffs." Whoever coined that phrase helped create the impression that people who still have some healthy doubts about the lone assassin theory have taken it up as a hobby and spend their weekends pouring ghoulishly over the Warren Report.

I am not an assassination buff, but I believe I have been lied to by my own government about the murder of one of its most talented and capable presidents.

The FBI now admits that it received a threatening note from

Oswald several days before the assassination. The Secret Service was not informed of his identity prior to Kennedy's arrival in Dallas. After the assassination the note was destroyed and no mention of it was made to the Warren Commission.

This is no scoop for the Dallas newspaper publisher. The FBI has been destroying or altering evidence and testimony since Nov. 22, 1963.

* The FBI is now "investigating" the disappearance of this note. Will its word be taken as in its investigation of the charge that Oswald was a CIA agent?

In a court of law the fact that a defendant denies committing a crime does not mean that he is acquitted.

Will the American public ever find out: 1) why Agent Hosty was keeping a close watch on Mrs. Oswald, instead of on her husband, the "defector" 2) what caused Oswald's anger when he found out about the interview 3) what was in the note to Agent Hosty 4) why it was destroyed and who destroyed it and 5) who gave the order to cover up this destruction of evidence?

We need to know these things and many more. What the Warren Commission did was take a few preselected "facts" and weave them on the loom of their own theory.

I have even considered writing a novel using my own theory, ~~based~~ based closely on the events of the assassination, bringing out things that were not done as well as those that were done, eyewitnesses whose testimony was not published or belittled if it threw some doubt on the lone assassin theory. I understand that even if I used different names and places, I would still be open to libel.

But the American people need to know somehow and somehow. If an honest government investigation cannot be made, maybe a novel is the only answer. I believe my own opinion of what happened in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963 would contain more facts than that national tranquilizer, the Warren Report.

Is this the end of the investigation? What can we do to get at the truth?

Sincerely,

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